He kissed the rosy lips, & got a pretty little love-box on his ear for his pains. Everybody laughed, & we all fell to joking & chaffing & had such a good time. By & by Mr. Cadaver took down the old family Bible, put on his spectacles & reverently read a chapter, & then prayed. We always had family worship, morning & evening.

But as I said before, trouble was to come. Business began to grow dull while the winter was still upon us. It steadily slackened. Presently it had so dwindled that there was

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